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Objective: Outcomes for infants and toddlers and their families are enhanced by family centered supports and systems of services.

Component/Desired Result CF: Do family supports, services and resources increase the family's capacity to enhance outcomes for infants and toddlers and their families?

I. *Baseline Data/Current Reality:*

Part C-Family Centered Services:

"OSEP could not determine from the self-assessment whether IFSPs include:

1. With the family concurrent, a statement of the family's resources, priorities and concerns, related to enhancing the development of the child;
2. A statement of the major outcomes expected to be achieved with the child and the family;
3. Early intervention services to meet the unique needs of the family, as required by 34 CFR §303.344(b), (c), and (d) (1)."

All of the above items are included in the revised monitoring

Standard IFSP form has been developed and is being implemented at all SPOEs

Initial Phase I monitoring did not find this to be a concern

II. *Activities to Achieve Results:*

- Established a Central Finance Office and Centralized Data system
- Established 26 System Points of Entry – Statewide
- Established a system to credential providers
- Established a CSPD system that includes five standard training modules
 - Orientation to First steps
 - Evaluation and Assessment
 - IFSP Outcomes in Natural Environments
 - Transitions
 - Service Coordination
 - System Point of Entry Training

III. *Evidence of Change/Benchmarks:*

The above activities are all in operation

IV. *Timelines and Resources:*

January 2002: Contract for the CFO

April 2002: Phase I 5 SPOEs implemented in 18 counties

March 2003: Phase II 21 SPOEs implemented in 95 counties

State General Revenue

Part C funds

V. *Explanation and Analysis of Progress (or Slippage):*

None at this time

VI. *Proposed Future Activities to Achieve Results:*

With implementation of the First Steps System Redesign, the use of an IFSP form, which includes all components required by state and federal regulations, was mandated. The form includes the following sections: 1) with the family's concurrence, a section to document a statement of the family's resources, priorities and concerns, related to enhancing the development of the child; 2) a section for a statement of the major outcomes expected to be achieved for the child and the family; and 3) a section to document early intervention services to meet the unique needs of the family, as required by 34 CFR §303.344 (b), (c) and (d) (1).

VII. *Proposed Evidence of Change/Benchmarks:*

Monitoring of infant's and toddler's files will confirm that all responsible agencies in the Part C system are using the mandated form and completing all required components of the form.

VIII. *Proposed Timelines and Resources:*

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